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SUBJECT: GOVERNOR GENERAL AND COMMANDING GENERAL VISIT TROOPS  
IN CABO DELGADO DISTRICT OVER NEW YEAR

REF: LOURENCO MARQUES 902

1. GOVERNOR GENERAL PIMENTEL DOS SANTOS AND COMMANDING  
GENERAL BASTO MACHADO ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR WIVES VISITED  
TROOPS IN MACOMIA MUEDA AND MOCIMBOA DA PRAIA IN CABO DELGADO  
DISTRICT OVER NEW YEAR. IN FIRST MINUTES AFTER NEW YEAR WAS  
WELCOMED IN AT LATTER TOWNSHIP, GOVERNOR GENERAL DELIVERED  
HIS ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE.  
IN HIS SPEECH, SOMEWHAT MORE SOMBER THAN USUAL GOVGEN  
REFERRED TO DANGERS THAT ARE THREATENING AND TO THE "BLACK  
CLOUDS" WHICH HAVE ACCUMULATED THROUGHOUT WORLD. HE PAID  
TRIBUTE TO DEDICATION AND LOYALTY OF PORTUGUESE ARMED FORCES  
WHO RISK THEIR LIVES EVERY DAY THAT THEIR FATHERLAND MIGHT  
CONTINUE FREE AND SOVEREIGN. HE CONDEMNED "SPECULATORS",  
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"MONOPOLISTS", "SOWERS OF DOUBT AND DISBELIEF", "MERCHANTS

OF MYTHS", "INVENTORS OF RUMORS", AND "POISONERS OF PUBLIC OPINION" WHO ARE TRYING TO SUBVERT THE "REAR GUARD". HE SALUTED PEOPLE OF MOZAMBIQUE WHO ARE DEDICATED TO THEIR DAILY DUTIES, WHO WORK, FIGHT, LEARN AND SUFFER AND WHO ARE SO FREQUENTLY VICTIMS OF INJUSTICE AND CRUELTY OF WAR. HE SAID THEY HAD GIVEN HIM THE STIMULUS, COURAGE AND UN-YIELDING WILL TO CARRY ON WITH THEM THIS COMMON STRUGGLE TO KEEP MOZAMBIQUE IN PORTUGAL, NOT WITHSTANDING THE ATTACKS, MISUNDERSTANDINGS AND HOSTILITY OF CERTAIN STRANGERS BOTH WITHIN AND OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. HE SUGGESTED THAT AN APPROPRIATE NEW YEAR'S VOW SHOULD BE THAT ALL WHO HAVE BEEN DISILLUSIONED IN THE SERVICE OF ALIEN INTERESTS AND HAVE PERMITTED THEMSELVES TO "BECOME ENTANGLED IN A TRAGIC ADVENTURE WHOSE OUTCOME CAN ONLY BE DISGRACE AND DEATH" SHOULD RETURN TO JOIN IN DEFENDING AND DEVELOPING MOZAMBIQUE. HE REFERRED TO THE "GIANT WAVE OF PROGRESS" IN ALL FIELDS INCLUDING SOCIAL, MORAL AND CULTURAL PROMOTION, UNPRECEDENTED ECONOMIC EXPANSION, ENLARGED INFRASTRUCTURE AND POLITICAL PARTICIPATION BY MASSES IN ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNMENT. HE CONCLUDED BY ASSERTING THAT MOZAMBIQUE WOULD FORGE AHEAD TO "IMPOSE THE PEACE TO WHICH WE HAVE A RIGHT -- A PEACE WITH HONOR, DIGNITY, BREAD AND JUSTICE; THAT IS, A PORTUGUESE PEACE WITHIN PORTUGUESE MOZAMBIQUE".

2. COMMENT: THE GOVERNOR GENERAL'S VISIT FOLLOWED CLOSELY THE VISIT OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL TO MILITARY OUTPOSTS IN TETE, DESCRIBED REFTEL. BOTH VISITS WERE MADE TO WELL DEFENDED MILITARY POSTS, RATHER THAN TO MORE ISOLATED POSTS CLOSE TO THE FRONTIER AS HAD BEEN DONE IN THE TWO PREVIOUS YEARS. WHETHER THIS WAS DONE AS SECURITY PRECAUTION OR FOR OTHER SIGNIFICANT REASONS HAS NOT BEEN REVEALED. INTERESTING TO NOTE THAT GENERAL BASTO MACHADO STAYED COMPLETELY IN BACKGROUND AND WAS BARELY MENTIONED IN PRESS.

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